

CERTIFIED MAIL - RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED NO. _____

STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES
BUREAU OF HEALTH SYSTEM REGULATION
DIVISION OF MEDICAL QUALITY ASSURANCE

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In re: Muriel Merenda, L.P.N.
License No. 020947
94 Housatonic Avenue
Stratford, CT 06497

Petition No. 920401-11-003

CONSENT ORDER

WHEREAS, Muriel Merenda of Stratford, Connecticut has been issued license number 020947 to practice as a licensed practical nurse by the Department of Health Services pursuant to Chapter 378 of the General Statutes of Connecticut, as amended; and

WHEREAS, Muriel Merenda hereby admits and acknowledges that:

1. During January 1992 and subsequent thereto, while working as a licensed practical nurse at St. Vincent's Hospital in Bridgeport, Connecticut she:
 - (a) diverted to herself the controlled substance Percocet;
 - (b) abused or excessively used the controlled substance Percocet; and
 - (c) falsified one or more medication administrative records.
2. She is licensed as a nurse only in Connecticut and does not have licensure pending in any other state.
3. The conduct described in 1. above fails to conform to the accepted standards of the nursing profession in violation of §20-99(b) of the General Statutes of Connecticut.

NOW THEREFORE, pursuant to §19a-17 and §20-99(a) of the General Statutes of Connecticut, Muriel Merenda hereby stipulates and agrees to the following:

1. That she waives the right to a hearing on the merits of this matter.
2. That her license number 020947 to practice as a licensed practical nurse in the State of Connecticut is hereby surrendered.
3. That if she seeks to reinstate her license at any time in the future, she must apply to the Department of Health Services and the Connecticut Board of Examiners for Nursing. The Department and the Board shall have absolute discretion as to whether the license shall be reinstated and the status said license shall be returned to.
4. That this Consent Order is effective the first day of the month immediately following the date said Consent Order is ordered and accepted by the Connecticut Board of Examiners for Nursing.
5. That she understands this Consent Order is a matter of public record.
6. That she understands this Consent Order may be considered as evidence of the above admitted violations in any proceeding before the Connecticut Board of Examiners for Nursing (1) in which her compliance with this same order is at issue, or (2) in which her compliance with §20-99(b) of the General Statutes of Connecticut, as amended, is at issue.
7. That this Consent Order and terms set forth herein are not subject to reconsideration, collateral attack or judicial review under any form or in any forum. Further, that said order is not subject to appeal or review under the provisions of Chapters 54 and 368a of the General Statutes of Connecticut, provided that this stipulation shall not

deprive her of any other rights that she may have under the laws of the State of Connecticut or of the United States.

8. That she permits a representative of the Public Health Hearing Office of the Division of Medical Quality Assurance, Department of Health Services to present this Consent Order and the basis for said Consent Order to the Connecticut Board of Examiners for Nursing. She understands that the Connecticut Board of Examiners for Nursing has complete and final discretion as to whether an executed Consent Order is approved or granted.
9. That she has consulted with an attorney prior to signing this document.

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I, Muriel Merenda, have read the above Consent Order, and I agree and admit to the terms and allegations set forth therein. I further declare the execution of this Consent Order to be my free act and deed.

Muriel Merenda
Muriel Merenda

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 11th day of December 1992.

James M. Fichile
Notary Public or person authorized
by law to administer an oath or
affirmation

The above Consent Order having been presented to the duly appointed agent of the Commissioner of the Department of Health Services on the 22nd day of December 1992, it is hereby accepted.

Stanley K. Peck
Stanley K. Peck, Director
Division of Medical Quality Assurance

The above Consent Order having been presented to the duly appointed agent of the Connecticut Board of Examiners for Nursing on the 7 day of January 1993, it is hereby ordered and accepted.

BY:

Shirice Thibodeau
Connecticut Board of Examiners for Nursing

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